

## Presentation to the New Mexico Legislature Land Grant Interim Committee

Thank you Chairman Garcia and committee members

### Intro of self and titles

1. The Consejo is a organization of land grants that volunteered to come together to speak in one voice to congressional delegation, state legislators . The Consejo focuses on community and economic development and traditional use rights. We are advocacy organization on behalf of land grants. The New Mexico Land Grant Consejo meets on a quarterly basis and its executive committee meets monthly. The Consejo operates membership dues to help all land grants.
2. The Consejo helps individual land grants whether they are political sub divisions of the state, state specific in statue and non adjudicated land grants. The Consejo allow all land grants whether they are voting members or land grant that just want to participate and have a voice at Consejo meetings.
3. The Consejo also helps individual land grants that need help with their individual land grant. For instance the Sebolleta land grant needed help with Mount Taylor TCP, the Consejo helped by supporting the Sebolletta by signing on to the amicus brief and facilitating financial resources.
4. The New Mexico Land Grant Consejo hosted two workshops on election procedures in conjunction with the New Mexico Land Grant Council and the UNM Land Grant Studies Program.
5. The Consejo with the New Mexico Land Grant Council and the UNM Land Grant Studies flew to Washington DC in April and participated in all levels with the White House, congressional staff and federal agencies on the traditional use rights bill and farm bill. While meeting with the White House staff we expressed to the White House to support the traditional use right bill when introduced. Also discussed with the White House is the possibility of executive order being used by the president to facilitate some of the land grant needs.
6. A Representative from the Consejo met with New York State legislators for a possible memorial developed later in Albany on traditional use rights bill. This is being done to garner support from states that high Hispanic populations and higher congressional representative in Washington DC to help push through the traditional use right bill and other federal legislation that might be introduced in the future. the staff personal was there on other business when asked to attend the New York State Legislature.
7. The New Mexico Land Grant Consejo has not taken a position on the warranty deeds filed in Taos or Rio Arriba counties. the Consejo was not asked to coordinate or participate in filing of the warranty deeds. The Consejo understands the motive for their actions, but the Consejo feels that before such action is taken, it require a legal analysis be done before such a move is taken.

8. The New Mexico Land Grant Consejo is also responsible for Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Day program at the State Capitol. This year treaty day is on February 2, 2014 and it will fall on a Sunday. The Consejo extend an invitation to all legislators participate starting at 11 AM.

9. The Consejo has work with the UNM Land Grant Studies Program and The New Mexico Land Grant Council on the boundary issues with Truchas and cemetery that in the Canon De Chama Wilderness designation. I have here with me a memento that was given to the heirs of the San Joaquin Del Rio De Chama Land Grant in Augusta while monument in the cemetery, it is the plate that marked the wilderness designation that was purposely placed in front of our cemetery. It was given to the land grant by the Department of Agriculture and the US Forest Department Officials. You are all invited to help on a new trail this weekend at the Canon de Chama and accompany the hermanos de las moradoas de coyote y Canones. Congressmen Lujan and other congressional staff from New Mexico Congressional delegation will be there on hand on this Saturday. The San Joaquin Del Rio de Chama land grant will also enter in formal agreement with the forest service on the land grant cemetery after the monuments are done to have a permanent access via easement and control of the cemetery.

10. In the coming year the Consejo will focus on the Traditional use right bill in Washington the bill is a priority for all land grants. Also the Consejo with its partners will work with the White House on how the executive powers of the president of the United States can benefit land grants. The Consejo will continue to support state legislation on Election Laws, specifically on precincts and election districts. The Consejo supports the modification on the definition of Heir. The Consejo also supports some sort of tax relief for land grants and some sort of revenue stream for land grants. The Consejo will continue building bridges to all land grants on communication and economic development between land grants.

11. I will forward my comments to the land grant interim committee counsel.

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